

Minutes of the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Board Meeting
Thursday, February 22, 2007, 3:00 pm CDT
Information Technology Department, Room 103
Bismarck, North Dakota 58502

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Lisa Feldner.

Board Members present: Lisa Feldner - Information Technology Department; Tom Trenbeath– Office of Attorney General; Chief Justice Gerald VandeWalle.

Members present: Pam Schafer – CJIS Director; Nancy Walz – Information Technology Department;

Others present: Leann Bertsch, Director of Department of Corrections

Members Absent: Jerry Kemmet – CJIS Executive Committee (BCI)

Agenda

Topic: Approve February 15, 2007, Meeting Minutes

Discussion:

Motion to approve February 15, 2007, Meeting Minutes by Justice Gerald VandeWalle; Second by Tom Trenbeath; Unanimous Approval.

Topic: SAVIN Grant and HB1219

Discussion:

The Board started the meeting discussing the SAVIN Grant. Nancy discussed some background information of the SAVIN Grant. It was discussed that Appriss Inc, a SAVIN solution vendor, provides an out of the box system (VINE) for automated victim notification. The State of Montana received the SAVIN Grant and was planning to build their system with the help of a vendor. Montana was having a consultant gather requirements information for them. Rather than go with the out of box solution, Chuck Placek felt it was important to have a state wide jail management system as it is important for gathering information as most jails do not have a jail management system in place except for the larger jails.

Tom – Question on how we see HB1219? The bill now makes SAVIN CJIS's responsibility. Would need to go to the emergency commission for authority to spend money if the SAVIN grant is received.

Chief Justice – The bill would turn CJIS into a service agency.

Tom – felt that the study was acceptable and the bill sets us up ahead of time.

Nancy – the study would help resolve where SAVIN is located organizationally. It would study building the jail management system and victim notification system

Tom- desires a mandatory study resolution. Tom will try to persuade Lois Delmor to remove Section 1 from HB1219. On the topic of the Governor Letter of Support for the SAVIN Grant – Tom stated that this can be taken care of through a letter from the Governor's Office which would authorize an agency to receive the grant's funding. (see topic Governor Letter of Support for SAVIN Grant)

Chief Justice – The engrossed bill has language that the CJIS Board may establish and administer a Statewide Automated Victim Notification System. It is his desire he may need to re-consider the CJIS Board as this would be a conflict of interest for him. The SAVIN Program requires governance structure in place for the SAVIN program. This new SAVIN Board would need to be created. The Grant has writing that "The failure of the system to provide notice to the victim does not establish a cause of action by the victim against the state or any custodial authority." Jerry stated that victims could still sue employees. Some clean up on this as "custodial authority" was probably left in from the original bill.

Lisa – recommended to do the study resolution

Nancy – If legislation doesn't change it is still the responsibility of the decentralized method we have today. i.e.; states attorneys, etc.

Chief Justice – the purpose is good along with the underlying mechanism. HB1219 sets the design before it has been studied. A victim is needed in the structure of the board for the SAVIN program.

Lisa – What are the next steps?

Tom – He will draft an amendment to delete section 1 and amend section 2 to have a mandatory study resolution. Tom will then circulate to the CJIS Board.

Lisa – If the grant is awarded, then we will ask the Emergency Commission for authority to receive and spend the grant funds.

Chief Justice – If we receive the grant, does it set us up for what we cannot deliver?

Pam and Nancy - It is a very aggressive timeline and it would not likely be completed in the two year time frame.

Topic: ITD – CJIS Budget

Discussion:

Lisa stated ITD's Budget hearing is March 7th and Chief Justice Vandewalle will testify on CJIS behalf if need be.

Topic: Governor Letter of Support for SAVIN Grant

Discussion:

SAVIN Grant Letter – Lisa will get Bill Goetz a draft letter that needs to be forwarded to the BJA for the SAVIN Grant
CJIS Board determined the following for the structure of the SAVIN Grant:

“The State of North Dakota currently does not have legislation in place for a statewide agency to secure funding and administer a SAVIN program. For this purpose, I am designating the Information Technology Department on behalf of the Criminal Justice Information Sharing Program to receive the SAVIN funding and administer the grant as proposed. The Department of Corrections will be responsible for administering the functional aspects of the SAVIN program.”

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.